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The meeting started at 6:03 pm. The Commission had 3 members; Nadine Autry, Amy Crehan, and Edith Jurchak in attendance and 3 current applicants in attendance; Mr. Gretz, Ms. Mulcahy, and Ms. Duffy. There are currently 4 applicants for the 5 openings on the board. The guest in attendance introduced themselves and explained why they wanted to be on the board. The board members introduced themselves and explained that they are all new board members and are trying to grow the membership. With the limited membership it was decided that we would not have a table at the upcoming SCAC event however, we would share a table with another vendor and put out some information at the event.

The Commission shared with Mr. Gretz that they would be setting up a formal interview with him and Ms. Flowers (current applicant). This would be the next step in the membership process.

During introductions, the 2 new applicants shared a little as to why they want to become members. Shauna works for the Arc of Frederick and has always volunteered her time working with disabled youth and adults. Karen works with disabled adults and also has a now adult child with a disability and wants to give back to her community. Mr. Gretz stated that unfortunately he had to sue the county and city to be in compliance with the regulations of the ADA regarding sidewalks and curb cuts. He also said that thanks to him and him alone the county entered into an agreement to fix the issues.

Board members gave various reports on transportation, safety, new programs, and events that are happening in the county in regards to the disabled community.

The Commission went into a closed session regarding new applications for membership and the selection process at 6:55 pm.

Updated Spreadsheet to include new phone calls, updated website and Facebook as requested.